STAND. COM. REP. NO. 221

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8 , 2013

RE: H.B. No. 856
       H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 856 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a regulatory financing structure that authorizes the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to provide low-interest loans for green infrastructure property.

The Office of the Governor; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Public Utilities Commission; Division of Consumer Advocacy; Blue Planet Foundation; Enterprise Honolulu; Hawaii PV Coalition; Division of Consumer Advocacy; The Pacific Resource Partnership; RevoluSun; Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter; Sunetric; and the Ulu Pono Initiative submitted testimony in support of this measure. The State Procurement Office, Hawaii Electric Company, Hawaii Electric Light Company, Maui Electric Company, Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, and the Hawaii Solar Energy Association submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to include in
    its annual report information on financing orders
    issued, adjustments made to the public benefits fee, and
    credits provided to electric utility customers pursuant
    to the issuance of green infrastructure bonds;

(2) Requiring an annual report to be submitted by the Hawaii
    Green Infrastructure Authority on the activities and
    fiscal ramifications of the green infrastructure loan
    program and the issuance of green infrastructure bonds
    beginning with the regular session of 2015;

(3) Requiring a one-time report to be submitted by the
    Department of Business, Economic Development, and
    Tourism on the activities and fiscal ramifications of
    the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority's
    administration of the green infrastructure loan program
    and the issuance of green infrastructure bonds;

(4) Changing its effective date to January 28, 2100, to
    encourage further discussion; and

(5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity,
    consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to
this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and
purpose of H.B. No. 856, as amended herein, and recommends that it
pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 856,
H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection &
Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

CHRIS LEE, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 856	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/5/13

❑ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ❑ Pass, unamended (as is)   ☒ Pass, with amendments (HD)   ❑ Hold
❑ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	X			
2. THIELEN, Cynthia (VC)	X			
3. COFFMAN, Denny	X			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	X			
5. EVANS, Cindy	X			
6. HANOHANO, Faye P.	X			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	X			
8. LOWEN, Nicole E.	X			
9. FALE, Richard Lee	X			
TOTAL (9)	9			

The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted   ❑ Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _Cynthia Thielen_

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